

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing in strong opposition to the lack of action on the part of the FCC to disaude Sinclair Broadcasting from airing what can only be construed as a political smear campaign against Senator John Kerry, just weeks prior to the presidential election. This is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation for which the FCC should be held responsible.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.